

HOUSE BILL 617

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to testing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 60, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) In lieu of the state-mandated standardized tests, including the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests, of which TNReady is a part, and the end-of-course examinations, LEAs may use the ACT, ACT Aspire, or SAT suites of standardized assessments as an approved testing alternative in math and English language arts for grades nine through twelve (9-12). If an LEA uses the ACT, ACT Aspire, or SAT suites of standardized assessments as an approved testing alternative in math and English language arts for grades nine through twelve (9-12), students in grade eleven (11) must still take the examination required in § 49-6-6001.

(b) Before utilizing an approved testing alternative, the LEA shall submit a notice to the department of education indicating the grade level and subject in which the approved testing alternative will be used.

(c) An LEA using an approved testing alternative to the TCAP tests shall notify the parents or guardians of all students in grades nine through twelve (9-12) regarding the use of the approved testing alternative, and provide a copy of the notice sent to the department of education pursuant to subsection (b).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.